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SUBJECT: INDIAN EXPRESS

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1. HAVING LOST THE WEEKEND BATTLE TO KEEP THE INDIAN EXPRESS IN DELHI CLOSED THROUGH SHUTTING OFF ITS ELECTRIC POWER, THE GOVT. SHIFTED GEARS ON OCT. 4 TO CLOSE THE PAPER ON A PROPERTY TAX LIEN. THE DELHI MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES SEALED THE PRESSES AT ABOUT 1730 ON GROUNDS THAT TAX PAYMENTS OF RS.880,000 WERE UNPAID. THE EXPRESS AUTHORITIES SAY THEY WERE NEVER SERVED WITH A WARNING NOTICE ON THIS AND BELIEVE THE ISSUE MAY REVOLVE AROUND A SIX YEAR OLD DISPUTE OVER THE ACTUAL VALUATION OF THE EXPRESS PROPERTIES IN DELHI. THE EXPRESS WON COURT WRITS IN 1970 PERMITTING THEM TO PAY AT ONE VALUATION WHILE THE MUNICIPALITY'S CLAIM FOR A HIGHER VALUATION WAS NEGOTIATED. THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

2. WHILE THE PRESSES HAVE BEEN CLOSED DOWN, HOWEVER, THE REST

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OF THE BUILDING IS OPEN AND EXPRESS WRITERS AND MANAGERS

HAVE FREE ACCESS. TELEPHONE LINES AND TELEXES ARE OPEN AND THE EDITORIAL STAFF IS SENDING COPY TO THE EXPRESS' OTHER EDITIONS OUTSIDE DELHI. REPORTEDLY ONE OF THE REASONS THE ENTIRE BUILDING WAS NOT SHUT DOWN IS THAT SOME GOI OFFICES ARE IN THE SAME BUILDING.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THE EXPRESS IS PLANNING TO GO TO COURT EITHER LATER TODAY OR TOMORROW SEEKING AN ORDER LIFTING THE SEALING OF ITS PRESSES.
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